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- The wheat in the ground throughout the country is in good condition with the exception of the Haskovo District where there were few spring rains. Food supplies in the villages are low, equalling 350 grams of bread per person per day. The most essential things are lacking and the goods which are given against coupons, such as cloth and shirt material, are not taken by the greater number of peasants because of the great shortage of money. Agricultural products are taken from the peasants by force and paid for at low prices.
- Disintergration of the Communist Farty continues and because of that terror and interments in camps are on the increase. However, great secrecy prevails about the terror and the camps. For example, a female Communist agitator went to Topolovgrad in connection with the 1 May Holiday. What she spoke about is not known. However, after her speech a quarrel took place and ended with shooting and bomb explosions, some people were killed and many wounded. The number or the names of the persons who started the fight is unknown because of the secrecy surrounding all activities of the Communists. It is rumored that Minister Dobri Terpechev, together with other important Communists, including Anton Yugov, attempted to flee to Yugoslavia, but were discovered and in an exchange of shots Terpechev was slightly wounded and at present is locked up in the Sliven Prison. According to rumors, Vulcho Chervenkov, the Prime Minister, has been slightly wounded in an attempt by unknown persons to kill him.
 - 3. Military units from the town of Dobrich have been transferred to the Turkish frontier, either to reinforce or to replace the frontier guards who are officially subordinated to the Minister of Interior. The information is to the effect that the guard has been changed, but from outward appearances it would seem that the guards and the frontier control have been augmented.
 - 4. The motorized units from the town of Ruse have been transferred to the town of Yambol. It is not known presently what units were transferred but it is known that there are presently not many soldiers in Ruse. The class of 1929 is serving there. A part of the class of 1930 has been called up. The other part is expected to be called up very soon.

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